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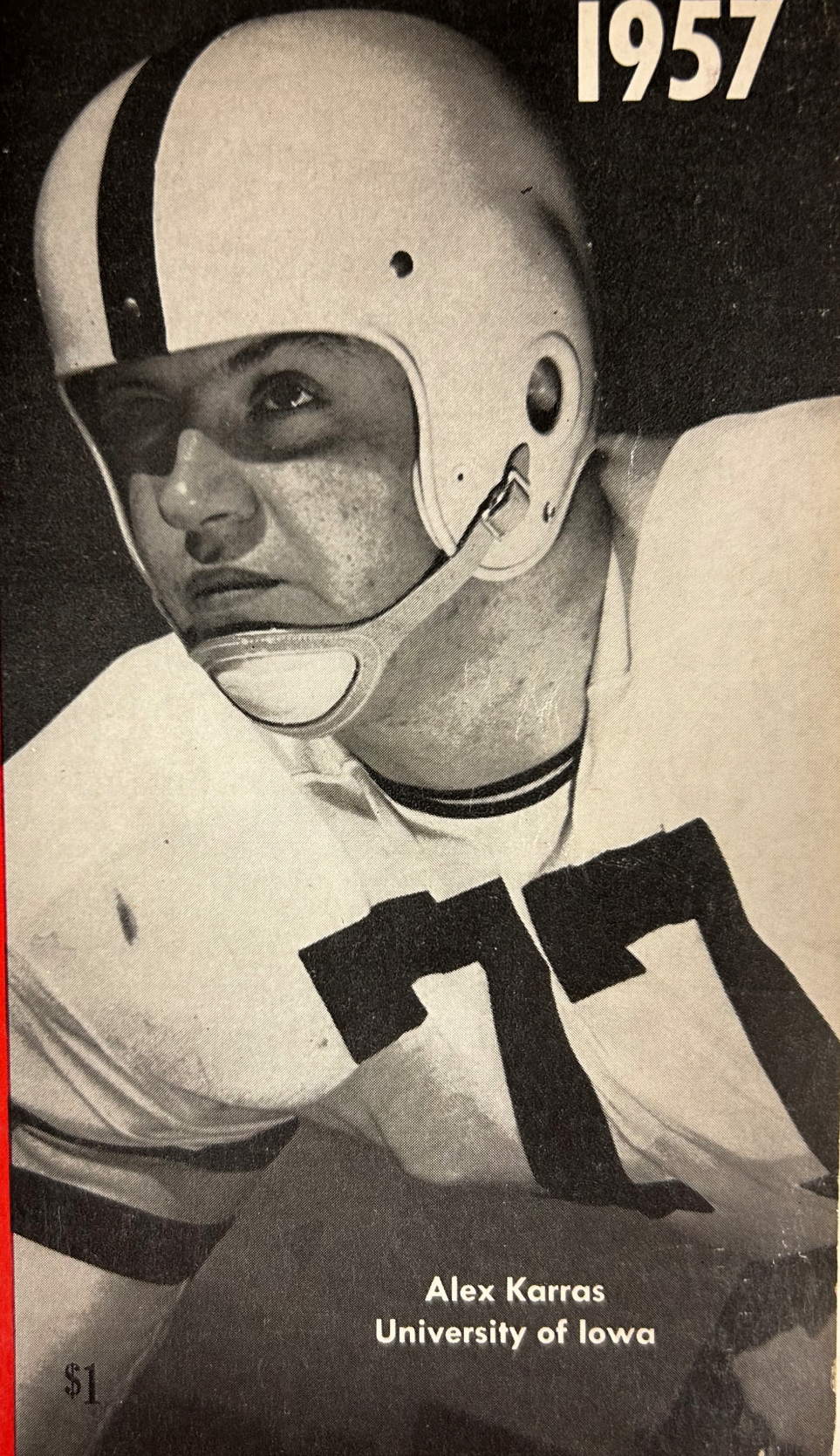
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A few institutions, tired of seeing their w... other schools, instituted a type of "retaining fee." Like the landlord who insists you pay the last month's rent on a three-year lease before you move in, these consist mainly of holding back part of the salary as a guarantee of contract fulfillment.

The annual revision among coaches saw the departure from collegiate ranks of three of football's staunchest citizens—Lynn Waldorf at California, Don Faurot at Missouri and Lou Little at Columbia. Waldorf "resigned" after a decade in his job, Little retired and Faurot moved up to the athletic directorship. A monument to Faurot's coaching days, however, will always be the Split-T, which he developed.

An interesting development during the past season was the adoption by the Big Ten of an aid program based on the actual need of the prospective student after the resources of his family had been evaluated. Effective this fall, it is still too new to see how it will work, but the conference is hopeful it will be a step towards solving this growing problem of subsidization.

So much for coaching, TV, aid, trends, etc. What about the teams themselves?

Not much surprise to find Oklahoma last fall once again voted the No. 1 team of the nation by the Football Writers' Association and the recipient of the Grantland Rice award. Nor to find the Sooners pretty close to the top in all the forecasts for 1957.

Among the chief surprises were failure by many of the teams highly touted before the season began to finish among the leaders. Michigan State, Texas Christian, Maryland, Stanford, Ohio State, Illinois and particularly Notre

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS, 1924-1956

Oklahoma was the 1956 choice of the press association polls for college football's unofficial national championship. It was the second title in a row for the Sooners and their third in the past eight years.

The Associated Press poll of sports writers was originated in 1936 and the United Press poll of college coaches has joined in the fun since 1950. Both polls represent the combined opinions of observers in all sections of the country and have come to be the most popularly recognized bases for the mythical award.

Prior to the polls, the Rissman and Knute Rockne trophies, symbolic of the national title, were awarded annually from 1924 to 1936.

The national champions for all 33 years

1956—Oklahoma	1947—Notre Dame	1939—Texas A&M	1931—So. California
1955—Oklahoma	1946—Notre Dame	1938—T.C.U.	1930—Notre Dame
1954—Ohio St., UCLA	1945—Army	1937—Pittsburgh	1929—Notre Dame
1953—Maryland	1944—Army	1936—Minnesota	1928—So. California
1952—Michigan State	1943—Notre Dame	1935—S.M.U.	1927—Illinois
1951—Tennessee	1942—Ohio State	1934—Minnesota	1926—Stanford
1950—Oklahoma	1941—Minnesota	1933—Michigan	1925—Dartmouth
1949—Notre Dame	1940—Minnesota	1932—Michigan	1924—Notre Dame
1948—Michigan			

NATIONAL RATINGS, 1936-1956

In a composite picture of the press association polls for the past 21 years, Notre Dame emerges as the No. 1 team by a wide margin. Counting 10 points for each first rating, 9 for second and so on, the Irish have accumulated 103 points to 75 for second-place Oklahoma. The 21-year leaders:

1. Notre Dame . 103	5. Army 54	9. U.C.L.A. ... 39	13. Navy 29
2. Oklahoma ... 75	6. Mich. State . 41	10. Georgia Tech. 36	13. Maryland ... 29
3. Michigan ... 66	7. Ohio State .. 40	11. Alabama 31	15. So. California 25
4. Tennessee ... 62	7. Minnesota .. 40	12. California .. 30	16. Duke 24